

# STATE OF ARKANSAS



## Department of Career Education

Asa Hutchinson  
*Governor*

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*Director*

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Governor Asa Hutchinson

FROM: Charisse Childers, Ph.D.

DATE: March 5, 2019

SUBJECT: Update: Federal funding and state plan for Perkins V

On July 31, 2018, the President signed the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (Perkins V) into law. This bill reauthorizes the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV) and requires our state to submit a new plan. The purpose of this memo is to update you on the required review and approval as described in the memo dated November 30, 2018.

Perkins V will continue to take effect on July 1, 2019; however, the United States Department of Education has removed the required Governor's review and approval of the Transition Plan. The recently released Senate Report 115-434 confirms that Congress did not intend for Governors to sign State Transition Plans and the United States Department of Education made the corresponding changes to the Perkins V State Plan Guide. In addition, the date for submission of the Transition Plan has changed from April 30, 2019, to May 24, 2019.

We will continue to move forward with the original submission date to the United States Department of Education of April 30, 2019, as our board, the Career Education and Workforce Development Board, will review the Transition Plan at their board meeting scheduled for March 12, 2019.

We are currently working with a core team from the Department of Career Education, the Department of Education, and other stakeholders. As we begin the next phase of the full Perkins V State Plan, we will conduct all required meetings, local needs assessments, and stakeholder engagement. In addition, we will meet with officials from your office during the development of the plan and prior to review and approval.

As soon as possible, please provide me with the name of the representative from your office who will work with the core team during the development of the plan.

I appreciate your support of career and technical education and our agency divisions. If you would like additional detail or information regarding the new law, our plan and the process, please let me know.